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October 16, 2003  
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Very truly yours,

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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.  
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The Illinois Route 29 Study 

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- ① Would prefer an undivided 4 lane Rt 29 to a 65mph Interstate (I-5) location
- ② Would prefer H-4 vs any other location other than H-5
- ③ Henry would need 2 interchanges to service its needs. 1) to extend Rt 18 to service the residents & consumer to connect w/ bridge over River & Fairgrounds 2) to provide easy access for ~~trucks~~ semi-trucks going to industrial areas north of town - upgrading goodrich/whitefield road to service PolyOne, Novacon & New Ethanol Plant.
- ④ Proper signage to Rt 18, MP Fair, IL River
- ⑤ Still believe that a 4 lane 55 mph Rt 29 is the best, most cost effective answer!!

Name: Michael F. Edwards

Affiliation: Self - City of Henry Mapping Marketing Committee

Address: Rt 29 South / PO Box 197  
Henry, IL 61537

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Four Lane Study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180  
Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02  
Catalog No. 032469-00P

Mr. Michael Edwards  
Route 29 South, P. O. Box 197  
Henry, IL 61537

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Keep the Road on 29

Put a cement divider down the middle  
4 lanes wide

Name: Robert W. Monier

Affiliation: Farmer

Address: 628 W Road 850 N

Starland Ill

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628 W. Road 850 N  
Sparland, IL 61565

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WESTERN AVE FROM HENRY  
SHOULD HAVE AN INTERCHANGE  
ACCESS

Name: Progen MORIER  
Affiliation: RETIRED FARMER  
Address: 502 EDWARD ST  
HENRY, ILL

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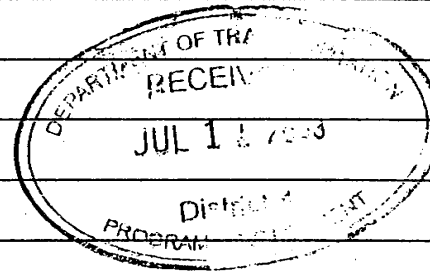
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In reference to the major improvement of Highway 29 from Mossville to Hennepin, I do not object to the road, except if you plan to close Cloverdale Road between Old Galena Rd. and the town of Chillumthe, IL.

If you close that road it will put a hardship on the people in the Woodland Heights area, the Hallock Hollow area, Mangold Road, etc. area.



Charlene C. Trotman

502 E. Lakeshore Dr.

Name: Edelstein, IL

Affiliation:

Address:

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502 E. Lakeshore Drive  
Edelstein, IL 61526

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# COMMENT FORM

Lewis

## ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

If you have questions, comments, or opinions related to this study, please complete this comment form.

I Am a citizen residing NW of Peoria who frequently travels to Chicago via Route 29. My interest is not in supporting the economy of small towns along this route. My interest is getting there!! - ie to Chicago. It seems to me that the interest of IDOT should be to provide rapid safe transit. Accordingly I would prefer:

South Segment - S-4

Central Segment - C-2

North Segment - H-3 or 4 to N-4.

Actually I would prefer the interstate-standards Highway proposed in the late 70's - studied - surveyed - blocked by politics + special interests. Since this cannot be afforded at this time (evidently), the "29 update" should be placed in spaces open

enough to permit interchanges to be constructed later (ie. bringing the road up to interstate standards).

JUN 16 2003

Name: Lorris M. Bowers

Affiliation: Citizen of Peoria County

Address: 12201 W. US Hwy 150,  
Brimfield IL 61517

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12201 W. US Hwy. 150  
Brimfield, IL 61517

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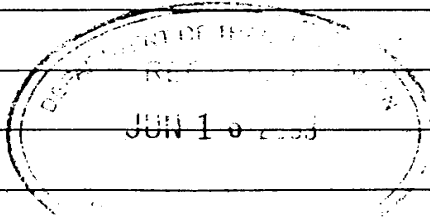
Mr. Eric Therkildsen:

**The update and improvements to Route 29 is long overdue.** The volume of traffic has increased dramatically during the last several years and will continue to increase. Motor vehicle accidents will continue to increase without the "new 29" that will divert traffic from the current R-29.

I would suggest using the S-4, C-2, H-4, & N-2 of the proposed route layouts. It is the best that can be expected.

Lets get on with building the Route 6 extension to route I-180 it is desperately needed for safety & economic development of northern Peoria County and adjacent Counties.

Frank Timmermann  
5603 E. Crews Ave.  
Chillicothe, IL 61523



Name: FRANK TIMMERMAN

Affiliation: NONE

Address: 5603 E CREWS AVE  
CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523

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My feelings are that H4 in  
Heavy and U3 is Putnam  
would be best for residents  
of these communities.

It is time to do some thing  
you have wasted million of  
dollars on these meeting and  
all know the farmers will  
object to any new roads  
that take farm ground and  
us in the towns and villages  
in central Illinois just keep  
paying the taxes for you to  
keep getting paid for these  
studies.

Illinois Government has to  
be number 91 out of  
the 50 states for Economy

Name:

Robert J. Rogers

Affiliation:

Self

Address:

614 Patriot  
Heavy IL 61537

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614 Patriot  
Henry, IL 61537

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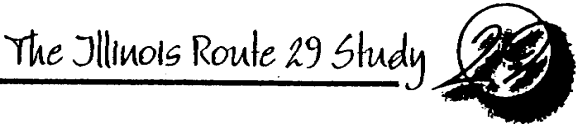
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My opinion would be  
for the state to follow  
the proposed route of C2-  
N4-H3-S4. as  
presented at 3 sisters park.

Name: J BROWDER  
Affiliation:  
Address: 5641 SATLIFE  
PEORIA IL 61607

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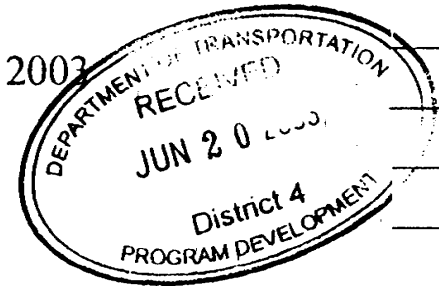
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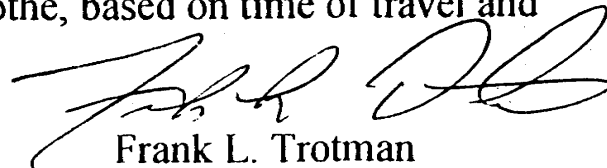


**COMMENT ON PROPOSED ROUTE 29**

The proposed road should progress as quickly as possible.

One intersection that should be included is at Cloverdale Road. The homeowners in Woodland Heights Subdivision, which is as large as some small towns, use Cloverdale Road. Also, Cloverdale Road, which starts at Illinois Rt. 29 in Chillicothe, continues via Peoria County road Hallock Hollow to State Route 40.

If there is no intersection or overpass at Cloverdale Road, the 150 to 200 people in Woodland Heights will take their business to north Peoria, rather than Chillicothe, based on time of travel and distance.

  
Frank L. Trotman

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The Illinois Route 29 Study



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I proposed the following options

S4 → C1a + 2 → C2 → H3  
N2

for these reasons:

1. It avoids the precious natural areas along route 29

2. It protects the areas along the fragile river

3. It avoids Federally protected wetlands

4. It protects the natural plant communities

and it is cheaper!

While the above proposed highway is being built, Rt 29 (existing) will be the alternative route during construction.

Name:

Eniko Yang

Affiliation:

Address: 6606 N. Allen Rd #92

Peoria, IL 61614

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October 16, 2003

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Four Lane Study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180

Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02

Catalog No. 032469-00P

Ms. Emiko Yang  
6606 N. Allen Road, #92  
Peoria, IL 61614

Dear Ms. Yang:

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In your enclosed comment, you expressed your support for S-4, C1a, C-2, H-3 and N-2. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.

Ms. Emiko Yang  
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The Department appreciates your interest in this highway project. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Lewis of this office at (309) 671-3474.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer



By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.  
Program Development Engineer

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I have a couple of questions about your route through the town of Putnam:

① How much will this affect my house & land? It is shown on the map that you will be taking a large portion of my yard.

② ~~How~~ How close to the highway will I be? I have two small kids & one of on the way we do not want them to get killed by motorbikes traveling close to our house!!!!

③ Will you buy the entire property if you have to take a significant or even a small portion of the yard?

④ What are my legal recourses?

⑤ Can we hire our own appraiser?

Comments:

I don't feel that there is enough traffic or any need for a 4 lane highway on route 29. People need to stop taking the interest of cities instead of rural small towns. Why do we need to have more debt in already debt ridden state to build something we don't really need.

Name: Amy S. Lee

Affiliation: Putnam

Address: 105 Main St.

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Ms. Amy S. Lee  
105 Main Street  
Putnam, IL 61560

Dear Ms. Lee:

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In your enclosed comment form, you expressed your opposition to the Illinois 29 project. Your comment form also included several questions concerning land acquisition issues. Since the project is still in the preliminary stages, exact right-of-way requirements are not known at this time. Therefore, we are currently unable to respond to your questions. Copies of "A Landowner's Guide to Land Acquisition" and "Eminent Domain Guide" are enclosed for your reference.

Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.

Ms. Amy S. Lee  
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Very truly yours,

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District Engineer

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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.  
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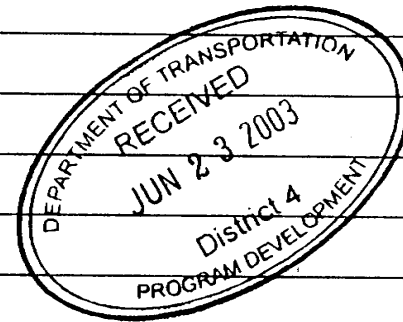
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I am in favor of C3A in the Central Section. Re-alignment of Rt 17 would be a great improvement. I don't think anyone wants the C-2 alignment. The north Section, H 4 looks best. Also I think the state should extend Rt 18 to Rt 40 replacing western Rd. It looks like the N4 would be better, but I have no strong opinion. I have no opinion on the South Section. Congressman Ray Bakke said the new road would follow Rt 29. Going above the bluff is not following existing Rt 29. Spauld and back would be left out of the economic value of the new road. You will also destroy a lot of farmland to.



Name:

Danny Boyer

Affiliation:

Marshall Co. Board

Address:

598 Camp Grove Rd.  
Spauld, IL 61565

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Mr. Denny Bogner  
Marshall County Board  
898 Camp Grove Road  
Sparland, IL 61565

Dear Mr. Bogner:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Illinois 29 project from Illinois 6 near Mossville to Interstate 180 near Hennepin. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

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In your enclosed comment, you expressed your support for C-3a, H-4 and N-4. You also requested Illinois 18 be extended from Illinois 29 to Illinois 40. Extension of Illinois 18 is currently not under consideration by IDOT.

Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.

Mr. Denny Bogner  
October 16, 2003  
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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.  
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CH2M Hill (Attn: Mr. Jim Jodie)

June 9, 2003

Mike Lewis  
Squad Leader  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
401 Main Street  
Peoria, IL 61602

RE: Widening of Route 29 (Heart of Illinois Highway)

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This letter serves as my commentary on the widening of Route 29 to complete the gap between IL Route 6 and I-180. I drive this gap going up to my family in Milwaukee.

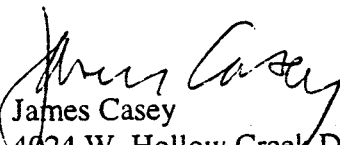
While I think it is right and proper to complete this gap for the entire benefit of central Illinois, I do not think it replaces the need for an East-West Freeway that would orient to Chicago via I-55. This latter project would be of greater benefit to the central Illinois region in terms of economic development and visibility.

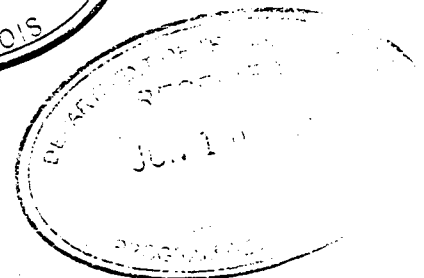
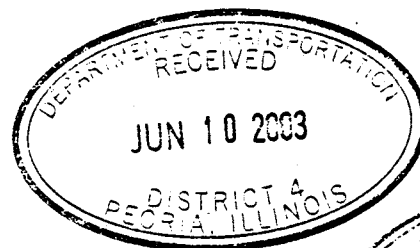
I have only lived in Peoria 3 years, but I already sense that the Peoria area is being left behind in an economic sense simply because it is off the I-55 corridor. That historical problem can be mitigated somewhat with a Chicago to Peoria Freeway.

IDOT has my support for the widening of Route 29, making sure that environmental considerations are addressed and that the road is fun to drive. Give us drivers something interesting to look at in terms of the road's design!

I am sending you a second letter, somewhat off topic, but certainly by way of introduction. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
James Casey  
4024 W. Hollow Creek Dr., #606  
Peoria, IL 61615  
(309) 693-1924 (h)  
(309) 677-3997 (w)





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Mr. James Casey  
4024 W. Hollow Creek Drive, #606  
Peoria, IL 61615

Dear Mr. Casey:

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In your letter, you expressed support for the Illinois 29 project. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your opinion will be included in the project record.

Mr. James Casey  
October 16, 2003  
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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.  
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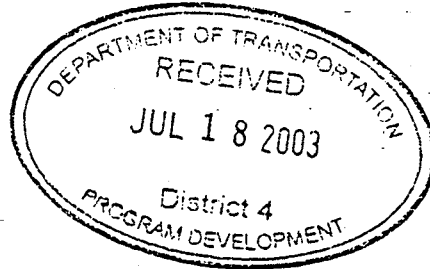
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## IOWA INTERSTATE RAILROAD

July 16, 2003

Mr. Eric Therkildsen, P.E.  
Program Development Engineer  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
401 Main Street  
Peoria, IL 61602



Re: Illinois Route 29 Study

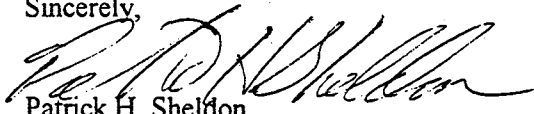
Dear Mr. Therkildsen:

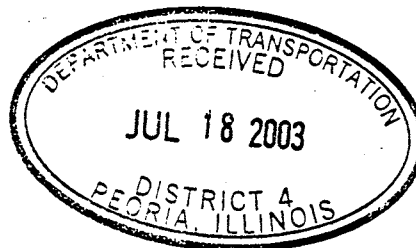
The public information meeting held on June 11, 2003 at Henry Senachwine High School was very informative. I know this project is still in the early planning stage but we would like to be placed on your mailing list and kept apprised of any proposals.

We are extremely interested in any drainage items that may impact the railroad and would appreciate copies of any hydraulic surveys. Dependent upon which route is selected there will be temporary and permanent easements required, also if Route 17 is re-aligned there will be minimum clearance requirements that will need to be adhered to. All new track construction will be per AREMA specifications and be completed by a reputable contractor.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick H. Sheldon  
Assistant Vice President  
Engineering & Mechanical



Cc: Don Murray  
Lincoln & Southern



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Mr. Patrick H. Sheldon  
Iowa Interstate Railroad  
800 Webster Street  
Iowa City, IA 52240-4806

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Illinois 29 project from Illinois 6 near Mossville to Interstate 180 near Hennepin. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

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Thank you for your letter expressing interest in the Illinois 29 project and subsequent involvement with the Iowa Interstate Railroad. You have been placed on the mailing list and IDOT considers up-to-date and ongoing coordination with your office to be an important aspect of the project's development.

Mr. Patrick H. Sheldon  
October 16, 2003  
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Very truly yours,

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District Engineer

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If you have questions, comments, or opinions related to this study, please complete this comment form.

Complete the  
ring road and  
connect with 24!

Name: Mary Windhorse  
Affiliation: Teacher Massville School  
Address: 14328 N. Wayne Rd  
Chillicothe IL 61523

Please fold, tape, and mail. ~~No envelope or postage is necessary.~~

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I live on Wayne Rd. The proposed alignment ruins my property value, ruins my peace and quiet, and upsets me greatly. I moved to this place to get away from highway noise and air pollution. Please curve the ~~road elsewhere~~ alignment west. Do not destroy this beautiful country road, view the lovely view of fields and tree line hills in the distance. Runners, cyclists, & walkers use this road to enjoy the view, quiet, & singing of birds. Do not ruin ~~on~~ this. Preserve this country road.

Name:

Mary Windhorst

Affiliation:

teacher, Mossville School

Address:

14328 N. Wayne Rd

Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Ms. Mary Windhorst  
14328 N. Wayne Road  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Ms. Windhorst:

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed your opposition for Illinois 29 to bypass Chillicothe and for your preference for the Ring Road to be built. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.  
District Engineer

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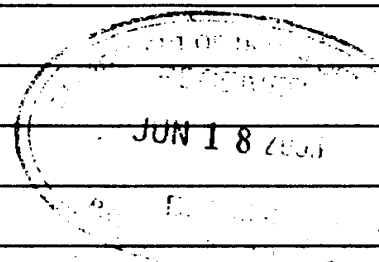
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I do not want this road because it goes too close to my backyard. I believe it will take away from the downtown area because traffic will bypass the town. It will stifle growth west of the town. No one will build next to an interstate.



Name:

Russell Jackson

Affiliation:

Address:

105 N White Clover Dr  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Mr. Russell Jackson  
105 N. White Clover Dr.  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. Jackson:

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Dear Sir,

I write in opposition to the proposed Route 29 Upgrade.

It is clear there is no public need for the expenditure of millions of tax dollars to upgrade a road to nowhere.

I believe there will be an economic loss to the small towns like Henry, Spaulding and especially Chillicothe. The current land of traffic through Chillicothe on Route 29 creates viable businesses all along Route 29. Anyone who believes the proposed by-pass West of Chillicothe is a business advantage is not thinking clearly. The new Super

Wal-Mart at Rte 6 + Allen Rd. is only 10 minutes from Chillicothe on the proposed Route 29 Upgrade. The economic loss to Chillicothe will be severe.

The proposed route through the intersection of Old Galena and Cedar Hills + then through a group of homes - (4 NEWLY BUILT IN THE PAST 3 YEARS) on Wayne Rd. defies logic and common sense. Hidden Valley Lane, "The Jewel of the North Valley", will be stunted and shut the new highway to nowhere!

Name: DAVID R. HORTZ

Affiliation: WAYNE-HIDDEN VALLEY HOMEOWNERS

Address: 3304 E. HIDDEN VALLEY LANE  
CHILICOTHE, IL 61523

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Mr. David R. Hirtz  
3304 E. Hidden Valley Lane  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. Hirtz:

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